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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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APPLICATION NO.: 09/297,406

FILED: April 29, 1999

FOR: **CLAMPING DEVICE AND
PRODUCTION PROCESS**

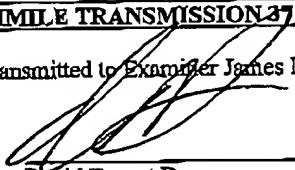
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Date: June 2, 2003
David Bogart DortMail Stop: No-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Dear Examiner Brittain:

In response to the Office Action of December 2, 2002. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4-5, 9-10, 22 and 23 without prejudice. The applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application..

12. (Twice and presently amended)

A process for manufacturing clamping devices, comprising the acts of:extruding a length of plastic with hollow chamber profiles to form a multiplicity of clamping devices;

stamping predetermined breaking points into said length of extruded plastic;